

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF POLICE OFFICER ROBERT
LOWN FROM THE FAIRFIELD PO-
LICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Police Officer Robert Lown, who faithfully served the city of Fairfield for over 35 years.

Officer Lown began his distinguished career with the Fairfield Police Department on August 1, 1969. During that time, he worked a variety of assignments including patrol and investigation. His work as a committed robbery and burglary investigator from 1988 to 2005 led to the solving of many cases, to the benefit of the entire community. The skills Officer Lown possessed in this field were second to none in the department.

Officer Lown's experience and dedication as an investigator earned him a Distinguished Service Award in June 1999.

His commitment to law enforcement and investigation will always be remembered and admired by the Fairfield community for his work ethic, dedication, and impact on our cities.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF CAPTAIN CHARLES L.
STUPPARD FOR HIS OUT-
STANDING TOUR OF DUTY IN
THE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Charles L. Stuppard, United States Navy for his outstanding tour of duty in the war in the Middle East. As of today, he is completing one full year of military service as the Commander of Task Group 56.6 based in Kuwait. Over the past 12 months, Captain Stuppard supported over 10,000 individual sailors during their deployment in Kuwait, Iraq, or Afghanistan. He supervised in-processing for over 17,000 Navy, Air Force, and Department of Defense civilian personnel as they are deployed to the Middle East. Captain Stuppard visited many forward deployed forces throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa.

Captain Stuppard Task Group coordinated the training of over 3,000 sailors in High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles Egress, Tactical Movement, Counter and Close Quarters Marksmanship in order to meet current requirements. Such training ensured that deploying sailors have the most up-to-date information on the current situation, particularly in a desert environment. Captain Stuppard fought tirelessly to acquire up-to-date armored vehicles for use by sailors traveling outside of the protected areas. Such action had a direct and positive impact on the level of protection given to the sailors from improved explosive devices, rocket propelled grenade, mines, and small arms fire. Consequently, he enhanced the sailors' war fighting capabilities and survivability as forward deployed units.

Captain Stuppard graduated from Cornell University in 1982 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering. In 1998, Captain Stuppard obtained his master's degree in national security and strategic studies at the Naval War College in Newport, RI. He is currently a doctoral student at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI.

Captain Stuppard's accomplishments and achievements are truly outstanding and serve as an example to all citizens throughout our country, the United States of America. Captain Stuppard is a true gentleman and an outstanding American. I congratulate Captain Charles L. Stuppard for a job well done while serving in the Middle East.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CLYDE SMYTH

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege for me to rise today to recognize the contributions of Clyde Smyth, a member of my staff since 1994. Clyde has generously served the United States and the Santa Clarita community over the years by identifying worthy students in the 25th Congressional District of California for appointment to the military academies. After years of offering his leadership and expertise and effecting change throughout the district, it is a great pleasure to recognize Mr. Smyth on the occasion of his retirement.

Clyde's story is one of absolute service at every turn. He is a man of honor and integrity who has given of himself for the betterment of those around him. Clyde first came to the Santa Clarita Valley in 1969 to serve as principal of Placerita Junior High and later served the William S. Hart High School district as superintendent from 1974 until 1992. He is a true American hero who also served in the United States Army during the Korean war. After our community of Santa Clarita incorporated, Clyde was elected to the city council in 1994 where he served with honor for 4 years and as mayor for a year.

Clyde Smyth has instilled strong core values and the desire to give back in his family as well as in his community. He is an example for his sons and also for all those who meet him. To know Clyde is to be inspired to be a better person. While Clyde is retiring from his current position on my staff, I am certain that he is not done working. I know Clyde as a man who, through his words and deeds, has demonstrated his desire to lend a helping hand, and I can't imagine that retirement would change that.

On behalf of myself and the many young men and women who have been helped directly by his work, I offer sincere gratitude to Mr. Clyde Smyth and wish him and his wife Sue all the best in his retirement years.

TRIBUTE TO SHEILA MARY
SULLIVAN PETERSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sheila Mary Sullivan Peterson who passed away on May 22, 2008 in her home in Menlo Park, California. She leaves behind her beloved husband Ronald C. Peterson and her children, Molly, Kathleen, and Michael.

The eldest daughter of justice Raymond L. Sullivan and Winifred Carreras Sullivan of San Francisco, Sheila dedicated her life to education and the improvement of the lives of others. A former trustee of Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton and a recipient of the St. Madeline Sophie Award for service to the schools, she was a blue-ribbon graduate of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Atherton and a graduate of Lone Mountain, the San Francisco College for Women. She taught at Winfield Scott and Alamo schools in San Francisco and was a member of the Catholic Community at Stanford.

In addition to all those who loved her in the community and in the classrooms, she was the beloved sister of R. Lawrence Sullivan, Jr., Philip Sullivan, Mary Ward, and Mother Agnes of the Cross O.C.D. (Patricia Sullivan), a wonderful sister-in-law and aunt to numerous Peters, Sullivans, and Wards; a close cousin to members of the Wade, Carreras, and Sullivan families.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Sheila Mary Sullivan Peterson and extend our sympathy to her family. Through her many contributions to her family, friends, students, and community she has left a lasting legacy of love, faith, and mentorship which will never be forgotten and which will live forever in all of us blessed to have known her. She graced our lives and our community, made our country better and now enhances the heavens with her presence.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 3021, 21ST CENTURY
GREEN HIGH-PERFORMANCE
PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Ms. FOXX. Madam Chairman, as a member of the Education and Labor Committee I would like to address an issue of concern with H.R. 3021, the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act. Specifically, I bring to my colleagues' attention the fact that one of our Nation's most sustainable, renewable, and environmentally positive industries may be unfairly disadvantaged in the legislation that came before the House, June 4, 2008. The U.S. hardwood industry, which is prevalent in my own North Carolina district, but also extends 13,959 total facilities throughout the country, may not be adequately recognized by any of the requirements we are putting into law for our Nation's schools. It would